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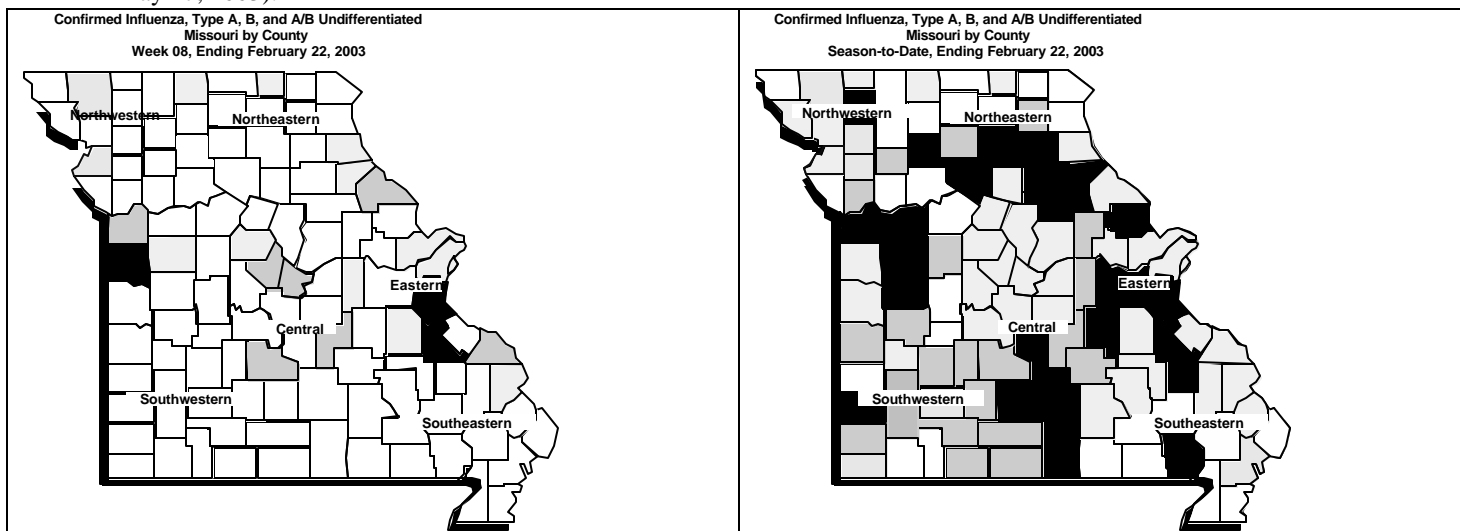
SUBJECT: Weekly Missouri Influenza Report, 2002-2003 Season
(All data in this report are provisional and may change as reports are updated.)

DATE: February 28, 2003

Missouri is reporting "regional influenza activity" to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Reported Laboratory Confirmed Cases by Sub-type						
For the Week Ending February 22, 2003 (Week 08)						
Serogroups	A (non-typed)	A (H3N2)	A (H1N1)	B	A or B Untyped (rapid test)	Total
Week 08	36	1	0	39	105	181
Season-to-Date*	201	2	1	882	1772	2,858

*The influenza season begins with week 40 (week ending October 5, 2002) and ends with week 20 (week ending May 17, 2003).



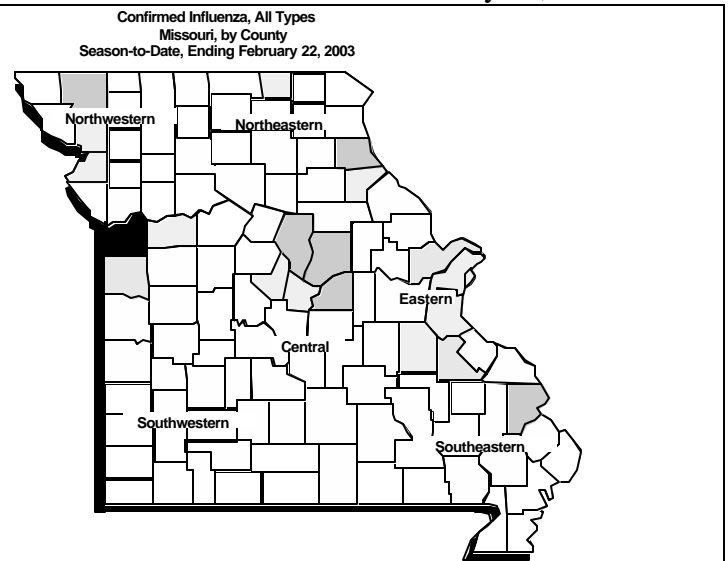
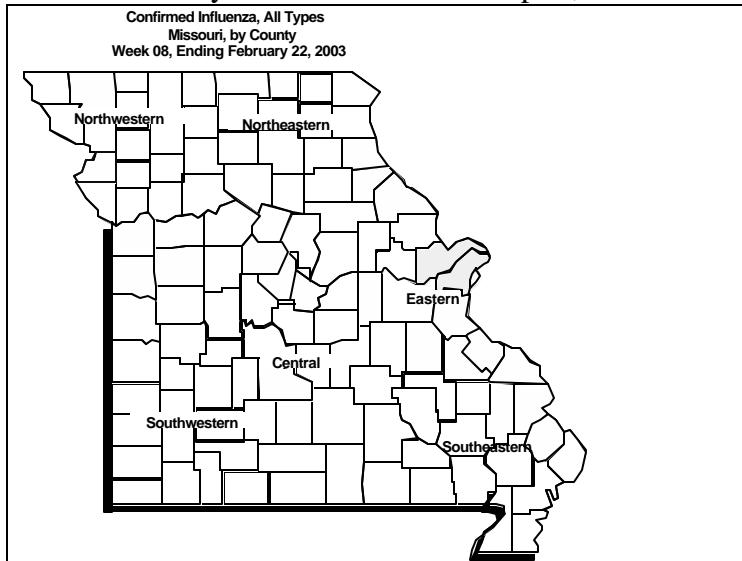
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Clusters/Outbreaks of Influenza-like Illness							
For the Week Ending February 22, 2003 (Week 08)							
Health District	Central	Eastern	NW	SE	SW	Season-to-date	Last Year Season-to-date
School Closings	0	0	0	0	0	202	6
Community Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	4	3
Long Term Care or Institutional Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	3	10
Other Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Season-to-Date	51	9	81	23	45	209	19

Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Deaths			
For the Week Ending February 15, 2003 (Week 07)			
Week 07	Season-to-Date	Week 07 Last Season	10 Year Weekly Median
46	598	25	39*

* Prior to 1999, P&I data were collected from week 46 through week 17; therefore, the ten-year median will be noted only during those weeks.

U.S. Influenza Sentinel Physicians Surveillance Network (US ISPSN)						
Influenza-like Illness (ILI) for the Week Ending February 15, 2003 (Week 07)						
Age 0-4	Age 5-24	Age 25-64	Age 65+	Total ILI Patients Seen	Total Patients Seen	Percent ILI
3	9	4	2	18	2,057	0.87%*

*This percentage is below the national baseline of 1.9%. Data received through the US ISPSN indicates that the percent ILI has been consistently above the national baseline since week 48 (week ending November 30, 2002).

Respiratory Specimens Submitted to SPHL for Viral Testing							
For the Week Ending February 22, 2003 (Week 08)							
	Positive Specimens						Total Number Specimens Submitted
	Influenza	Para- influenza	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Adeno- virus	Rhino- virus	Entero- virus	
Week 08	2	1	0	0	0	0	4
Season-to-Date	72	4	0	2	0	3	195

CDC antigenically characterizes a sample of positive Missouri influenza isolates, submitted through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), State Public Health Laboratory (SPHL). DHSS has received the results on 14 Missouri isolates. Their antigenic profiles were antigenically similar to that of the reference strain influenza B/Hong Kong/330/2001. Influenza B/Hong Kong/330/2001 was the recommended B component of the 2002-03 influenza vaccine.

Sources of Data: Laboratory confirmed cases are reported to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) passive communicable disease surveillance system through the disease registry. Suspected influenza clusters and outbreaks are reported through the active surveillance system. Pneumonia and influenza deaths are reported through the DHSS Bureau of Vital Records. Influenza-like illness data by age category and total number of patient visits by week are reported voluntarily by participants in the U.S. Influenza Sentinel Physicians Surveillance Network.

This report may also be found on the DHSS Internet at: www.dhss.state.mo.us/Influenza/index.html
National influenza surveillance information is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/flu/weekly.htm

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services after hours number for reporting disease cases and emergencies is 1-800-392-0272.